Supply of Subsidised Rice in ITDA/DPAP Blocks in Orissa

26. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to supply rice at Rs. 2/- a kilo to the people in the ITDA/DPAP blocks in Orissa is not being effectively implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of families proposed to be brought under the above programmes in that State; and

(d) the steps taken to achieve that target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) Central Government has not received any report to the effect that the scheme for supplying rice at Rs. 2/- per kg. in Orissa is not being implemented effectively.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) All the households in the areas covered under the Revamped Public Distribution System, estimated to be around 19.79 lakhs are covered under the scheme. This scheme is implemented by the Government of Orissa and the targets, if any, are to be set by the State Government.

Coal for non-core sectors

27. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item in Business Standard of 1st August, 1995 under the caption Non-Core Sectors Starved of Coal;

(b) what has been the demand for coal from such non-core sectors as textiles, chemicals, engineering, rayon, cement, brick manufactures etc. during 1993-94, 1994-95 and so far in 1995-96 and actual supplies against these demands;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Eastern Coal Fields Ltd. has decided to book only partial requirements of these non-core sectors; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and in what manner the requirements of these non-core sectors are sought to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Demand for coal is assessed sector-wise for the country as a whole in consultation with the Planning Commission. While Cement is a separate category, the demand of non-core sector consumers such as textiles etc., is included in the "Other Industries" category. the details regarding supply of Cement and Other Industries vis-a-vis their demand during the year 1993-94, 1994-95 and the demand for 1995-96 are given below:

(Data provisional)

(In million tonnes)

	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96
Sector	Demand	Supply	Demand	Supply	Demand
Cement	13.10	10.36	13.10	11.12	15.30
Other	48.00	36.24	40.30	39.46	36.00
	(2.00)	—	(2.00)	—	(2.70)

(figures in bracket indicate middlings).